

MENDOCINO COUNTY

2008 WMA Base Funding Work Plan

**Mendocino County Department of Agriculture
Member of
Mendocino Coast Cooperative WMA
Inland Mendocino Cooperative WMA**

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

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WMA Group affiliated with: Mendocino Coast Cooperative WMA, Inland Mendocino Cooperative WMA

Please Confirm, All projects described in this work plan will be in one contract with :
Confirmed, 1 contract with Mendocino County Department of Agriculture

Proposed Projects

Project Title: Mendocino Coast and Inland Mendocino CWMA cooperative effort to prevent, detect and manage noxious weeds.

Project Goals:

- A. Fund the contract with the WMA coordinator who will map and control noxious and invasive weeds, in some cases through sub-contractors, and work in concert with local, State, and County control crews based on project priorities established at the WMA pre-season meeting.
- B. Continue the coordination of noxious and invasive weed control and inventory within Mendocino County and continue the private partnerships with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and groups such as California Native Plant Society and Mendocino Land Trust. This joint effort is mandatory to protect public, as well as private lands from invasive species introduction and spread. A particular priority for 2009 is to survey and control weeds in the 2008 MEU Lightning Complex fire lines and burned areas.
- C. Continue the implementation and seasonal evaluation of the Mendocino County Distaff Thistle (*Carthamus* spp.) Eradication Project. Emphasis will be on locating and managing additional infestations within the Gualala River Watershed. Treatment plan implementation may include manual, herbicide, and mechanical as treatment methods.
- D. Provide education avenues consisting of displays and age directed presentations and any other means of presenting the information to the local and the visiting public on the noxious and invasive weed issues. Funding for these projects will be provided by matching funds from the WMA partners. Staffing for education projects will be provided by each participating group or agency.

Monitoring/Reporting:

The indicators to be used to measure success for the above project goals are:

- B. Track acres/miles surveyed and weed populations detected and treated, especially around the fire lines. Maps along with before and after photos of weed locations will be provided with the annual report.
- C. Track acres/miles surveyed and plant counts at distaff thistle sites. Maps of existing and nascent populations will be provided with the annual report.
- D. Track number of people reached by outreach materials and events sponsored by the WMA.

2009 WMA Noxious and Invasive Weed Treatment Areas and Lead Persons:

- **Mendocino County RCD**

Anderson Creek Sub-Watershed of the Navarro, Himalayan and thornless blackberry, *Vincamajor*, brooms

*Lead -Patty Madigan

- **Mendocino County Fire Safe Council**

Caspar area: gorse, 2008 MEU Lightning Complex fire lines and burned areas: various noxious and invasive weeds

*Lead -Julie Rogers

- **Mendocino County Department of Agriculture**

JK, SA, RW Ranches, Gualala River watershed: distaff thistle (*Carthamus spp.*)

Caspar Waste Transfer Station: gorse

*Lead –Ray Harrie

- **Caltrans District 1 (coastal yards)**

Caspar area: gorse, Fort Bragg demo site: broom, pampas grass

*Lead -Bob Melendez

- **Caltrans District 1 (inland yards)**

Hopland: red sesbania (*Sesbania punicea*), giant reed (*Arundo donax*)

*Lead -Scott Barr

- **California Department of Parks and Recreation (Mendocino District)**

Mendocino District State Park Units: European beach grass (*Ammophila arenaria*), gorse (*Ulex europeaus*), Monterey pine and cypress at Manchester State Park, survey and treat various noxious and invasive weeds throughout the park units

*Lead -Renee Pasquinelli

- **Calfire**

Jackson Demonstration State Forest:: conduct a pilot project on pre- and post-construction methods for reducing invasive weeds in forest road landings and junctions, survey and treat various noxious and invasive weeds

*Lead -Lynn Webb

- **California Native Plant Society- Sanhedrin Chapter**

Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Road areas: brooms

*Lead -Chuck Williams

- **California Native Plant Society- Dorothy King Young Chapter**

Point Arena Lighthouse, iceplant (*Carpobrotus spp.*)

*Lead -Lori Hubbard

- **Mendocino Land Trust**

Big River State Park: brooms, pampas grass

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- **Mattole Restoration Council**

Upper Mattole River watershed: brooms

*Lead –Mike Gordon

- **Mendocino National Forest**

Howard Lake: invasive cultivar of reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).

Surveys of historical infestations: treatments on various noxious and invasive weed species.

*Lead –Lauren Johnson

- **Bureau of Land Management- Ukiah Field Office**

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*Lead -Pardee Bardwell

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Please SEE EXCEL Attachment for BASE FUNDING BUDGET.

Invoicing:

*All invoices will be on letterhead and will state the contract number, period in which work was performed, and will follow the budget as outlined above.

*All invoices are mailed to: CDFA-IPC, Attn: Terrance Lorick, 1220 N Street, Room 341, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Reporting:

*An annual report will be required within 30 days of completion of the contract. The report must follow format as provided by the CDFA-WMA Program.